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A SPUTTER TARGET ONTO A)
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action issued March 10, 2006. The Examiner set a three-month period for response. A petition and authorization for a three-month extension of time is attached, making this Reply due on or before September 10, 2006.

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